



## ST. INNOCENT PINOT BLANC FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD

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St. Innocent produces small-lot, handmade wines. The winery has a 47.5-acre property in the South Salem Hills and has planted 15.5 acres of their own vines. Mark Vlossak, owner, planted it one vine at a time via a drilled hole, all 15.5 acres—without earth-moving equipment, bulldozing, or grading. His focus is on Pinot Noir—it comprises some 70% of what he makes; in addition, there's a bit of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc.

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### VINEYARD

- Site:** Freedom Hill Vineyard is located in the foothills of the Coast Range in the Mt. Pisgah, Polk County AVA. During the day warm air rises from the valley floor ripening the skins; at night, cool ocean breezes act to retain acidity.
- Soil:** Well-drained, old sedimentary clay loam.
- Vines:** The vines were planted in 1993 and 2008 with a southeast exposure at 475 feet of elevation.
- Varieties:** Pinot Blanc.

### CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** The must was fermented 24% in an Acacia cask and 76% in tank and aged for eight months on the lees.
- Production:** 700 cases,
- Profile:** Mark describes this wine: “Imagine sticking your nose in a box of fresh, ripe peaches on an ocean beach smelling the salt in the air and about to swallow a fresh oyster. Yup, that is this wine.”